MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : അതു തീർച്ച പറയാൻ പാടില്ല.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN : പ്രൈവറ്റ കമ്പനികളുടേയും വ്യക്തികളുടേയും സാമാനങ്ങൾ കയറ്റുന്നതിന് അനുവദിക്കുമോ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : പ്രൈവറ്റുകമ്പനികളുടെ സാമാനങ്ങളെ കയറ്റിഇറക്കുന്നതിന് ആ അവസരത്തിൽ വേണ്ട ഏർപ്പാടുകൾ ചെയ്യുന്നതാണ്.

Sheds for buses at Nagercoil.

98. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether contract has been given for constructing sheds at Nagercoil for keeping the buses for use in connection with the Transport Scheme ;

(*b*) if so, for what amount ;

(*c*) whether the contractor had submitted any tender, and, if so, the amount of the tender ; and

(*d*) whether tenders had been invited for the said contract ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) For Rs. 1,500 excluding the value of roof sheeting.

(*c*) Yes ; Rs. 2,395-16-0.

(*d*) Quotations were invited.

Construction of the garage at Trivandrum.

99. *MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether an advance payment was made by Government to the contractors for the construction of the garage at Trivandrum for the State Transport ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the amount advanced and the reasons for giving the advance ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*) of the interpellation.

Contract for building bodies for the State Transport Buses.

100. *MR. A. THANU PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the contract for building bodies for the State Transport buses was given to a non-Travancorean Firm and, if so, for how many bodies ;

(*b*) whether tenders had been invited for that contract, the names of the tenderers with the rates quoted by them ;

(*c*) the rate for which the contract was given ; and

(*d*) whether in the construction of those bodies, Travancore timber and Travancore labour were employed ?

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MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes. (Byramshah & Co. Ltd. Madras); for 34 bodies.

(*b*) certain recognised firms were invited to quote from whom the following were received.

Simpson & Co. Ltd., Madras Rs. 1900, Byramshah & Co. Ltd., Madras. Rs. 1600. A firm called Manico Industrials, Quilon, also quoted for Rs. 1100, but they had no facilities for carrying out the contract.

(*c*) Rs. 1600.

(*d*) Excepting a few skilled men from Madras, local labour was employed and Travancore timber has been used.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: I wish to know why tenders were not being invited for the contract in question.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Sir, quotations were invited from the firms specified in the answer.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Sir, that is not an answer to my question. I wanted to know why tenders were not invited.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government thought that since the construction of the motor bus bodies involved a heavy outlay, it would be better to call for quotations from respectable and reliable firms.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know the names of those firms?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: They are given in answer to part (*b*).

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Sir, I find here names of three firms that is Measrs. Simpson & Co., Byramshah & Co., and a firm called Manico Industrials, Quilon. Are these the only three firms which were asked to send quotations?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know why these three alone were selected?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Sir, I may add that the Government Workshops were also asked to send up their quotations. Government were advised by the Chief Engineer that these three firms may be asked to send up their quotations.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether it has been the practice in Travancore to construct motor bus bodies in large numbers?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government are not aware.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Are the Government aware that the bodies of most of the buses that are being run are built by local private agencies?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government are aware of that.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: I want to know whether Government are aware that buses which have similar bodies like that of the Transport buses are being run here?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government are aware of that. But such buses are only few.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Sir, I wish to know why and on what basis Government say that Manico Industrials, Quilon had not the facilities for carrying out the work.

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MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Sir, the Superintendent, Transport Department went and inspected the place where they are carrying on the work and he was convinced that they had not the competence, I mean financial competence, or the necessary equipment to undertake the work. Further they asked Government that they should be paid 50 per cent of the amount in advance. The others did not make such a demand.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Sir, may I know whether in the case of the bodies, that were not given out on contract whether they were built in the Government Workshop?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Sir, I wish to know whether, for the construction of the bodies in the Workshop skilled workmen were brought down from Madras.

MR. M. GOVINDA PLLIAI: The Government Workshop contains very skilled men to undertake the work of building such bodies.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Did the Government Workshop undertake the construction of special bodies.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Yes, I said that there are very competent men in the Workshop.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether Government are aware that there are equally skilled men outside who are competent to work?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: There may be.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether the contractor made the bodies in Trivandrum and may I know what timber was used?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Yes Sir, and mostly Travancore timber was used. I mean mostly Travancore teak except plywood.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether ply wood was used in the Workshop for this purpose?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: On what basis does the member say that?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: That is the information the Government possess on this matter.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether the bodies could not have been built entirely on Travancore timber?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: It is very doubtful. They say that plywood is very essential in this work.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know the quantity of plywood that was used in the construction of these bodies as compared with the Travancore timber.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Probably this is a very small fraction. I am not in a position to say what is the exact quantity that was used for the purpose.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the average cost of construction incurred by Government for constructing the body of these buses by the Government Workshop?

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MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : An estimate was prepared by the Workshop Superintendent and the Engineer agreed to undertake the work; that is at Rs. 1600 per body.

PRESIDENT : I have received notices of certain adjournment motions. The first notice is from Mr. P. V. Mathai Chemparathil. The motion is "for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the great inconvenience caused to Vakils and other law graduates in the State as they are not able to get themselves enrolled as Advocates owing to the absence of Rules relating to the matter".

This is obviously out of order for the reason that the fact relating to and the circumstances attendant upon this situtaion were known to the Hon'ble member and to the public long before the opening day. It is the rule of this Assembly that all adjournment motions should be given notice of on the opening day of the session. Apart from that, this is not a matter of urgent public importance. I therefore disallow it.

I have also received notices of two other adjournment motions, one from Mr. Thanu Pillai and the other from Mr. S. Nilacanta Pillai. The former reads as follows :—

> "I intend asking for leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the situation created by the unlawful entry of mounted lancers into the Science College premises and the unjustifiable lathi charge by the Police on innocent students and others within and without the premises on the evening of 31-11-1113."

The other is "for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the situation created by the conduct of the District Magistrate, Trivandrum in ordering a lathi charge on a peaceful assemblage of students within the Science College premises on the evening of 31-11-1113."

Before I give my ruling, I should like to know whether the Chief Secretary to Government can tell us whether any military entered the Science College premises.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Hg. Chief Secretary to Government*) : A few lancers entered the Science College premises and, they were immediately called back.

PRESIDENT : Now, the facts relating to the occurtence are under investigation just now : about 12 First Information Reports have been put in, and the investigation proceeding and the all the happening on the day in question are coming under the purview of the courts of criminal jurisdiction. On this ground alone it would be impossible to discuss the matter on the floor of this Assembly. But before actually disallowing discussion on that ground, let me tell the House that Government, feeling as they do, that matters appertaining to students, and the conduct of students both *intra mural* and *extra mural* are essentially matters for academic treatment by academic authorities, have constituted a committee composed of the Pro-Vice Chancellor, the Director of

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Public Instruction and Dr. Moudgill for the purpose of going into this matter and finding out exactly what the students did and what their responsibility, or culpability, if any, is. The committee has been instructed as will be apparent in a communique to be issued by the Government, to go into the whole question and deal with it academically, as far as possible only the worst cases are likely therefore to come before the Courts. Government have come to the conclusion that breaches of academic discipline and the participation by students in violent political or other activities are matters for academic treatment by the academic authorities. On these two grounds, firstly on the ground that the matter is under judicial investigation and secondly for the reason that it would not be in public interests, and certainly not in the interests of students themselve, that this matter should at this juncture be discussed on the floor of this House, I disallow the motions.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Sir, it is a matter that affects the public generally though no doubt students were mainly involved in it.

PRESIDENT: Is the member raising a point of order or giving a personal explanation?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Sir, I am making a statement.

PRESIDENT: The Hon'ble member has no right to make any statement now.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: I mean a point of explanation, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Hon'ble member has no right to speak against the ruling of the Chair.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Since this important matter which affects the public has not been allowed to be discussed on the floor of the House..... .....

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The Hon'ble member will take his seat. The Hon'ble member is not in order in canvassing the ruling of the Chair.....

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Since this important motion is declared not in order, I walk out of this Hall in protest.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE IRRIGATION REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on the Travancore Irrigation Regulation (Amendment) Bill and move that the Bill as reported by the Select Committee be taken up for consideration.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): I second it.

PRESIDENT: The question that the Bill be now taken into consideration was moved and seconded.

The question whether clauses 1 to 4 stand part of the Bill was then put to vote and carried.

Clauses 1 to 4 were added to the Bill.

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